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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room A</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	September 22, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. James Walsh, LPCMH, **President**, Presiding  
Maynard Gregory, LCDP, **Vice President**  
Vera Murrell, Public Member, **Secretary**  
Dean Aman, LPCMH  
Daniel Cherneski, LMFT  
Mary Davis, LCDP  
Robert Doyle, Public Member 12:28 p.m. – 1:48 p.m.  
William Gale, LPCMH  
Tracy Hansen, LMFT  
Dr. William Northey, LMFT  
Clayton Yocum, Sr., Public Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General  
Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II  
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Lisa Ritchie, LCDP

**ALSO PRESENT**

Benjamin, Griffith  
Dave Swayze  
Dr. Michael Cooper  
Julie Labadia, Court Reporter, Wilcox & Fetzer  
Sherwood Davis

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

MHCDP Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2010

The Board reviewed the June 23, 2010 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

## **HEARING**

### **12:45 p.m. – Proposal to Deny Hearing – Benjamin Griffith**

At 12:56 p.m., Dr. Walsh called the proposal to deny hearing to order on the application submitted by Benjamin Griffith. Ms. Heeney stated the purpose of the hearing. The following documents were marked as board exhibits for the record: Board Exhibit 1: Notice of Hearing; Board Exhibit 2: July 1 PTD Letter; and Board Exhibit 3: Mr. Griffith's application packet and supporting documents. The board introduced themselves for the record. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. Ms. Heeney verified that Mr. Griffith waived his right to counsel. Mr. Griffith was sworn in, presented his case, and responded to questions asked by the board members. Mr. Griffith had a print out from the division's website marked as Applicant Exhibit 1 for the record. Mr. Griffith called Dave Swayze as a witness. Mr. Swayze was sworn and provided testimony on behalf of Mr. Griffith. At 1:10 p.m., the board went off the record to deliberate. At 1:32 p.m., the Board went back on the record. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Murrell, to approve the application for licensure. Motion carried with Dr. Northey opposed and Mr. Doyle abstaining. The hearing concluded at 1:34 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Continued Discussion Regarding Retiring Counselors – Patty Davis Oliva, DAG**

This item was tabled until the September meeting.

### **Sign Decision and Order to Vacate Disciplinary Order Dated 4/23/2010 for Jean Olson**

The board affixed their signatures to the Order to Vacate Disciplinary Order for Jean Olson.

### **Sign Order from June 23, 2010 Proposal to Deny Hearing for Lynn Pomeroy**

The board affixed their signatures to the Order on the Propose to Deny Hearing for Lynn Pomeroy.

### **Review Additional Supervision Documentation for Joseph Hicks from Daniel Cooper**

The Board reviewed the supervisory progress reports for Joseph Hicks. Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gregory, to lift Joseph Hicks suspension. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Discussion Regarding Rule and Regulation Change**

Ms. Slaughter informed the Board that the change to the Rules and Regulation did not make it to the Register of Regulations office in time to have a hearing. Ms. Slaughter suggested that the Board review the rules and regulations regarding pre-approval of continuing education for LPCMH and LCDP versus LMFT. Currently LPCMH and LCDP only pre-approve course sponsors, while LMFT only approve licensees who are taking courses not offered by a national mental health or substance abuse treatment organization or their local affiliates. The Board made a decision to change the language in the Rules and Regulations for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in section 5.3.2.3.2. The last two sentences will no longer state: Only licensees may request course approvals. Sponsoring organizations may not request course approvals. It was suggested that the language be changed to state: Licensees and sponsors may request course approvals. Ms. Slaughter also informed the Board that the rules and regulations state that continuing education

credits are prorated, but it does not state how it is prorated. Ms. Heeney will work with Ms. Davis-Oliva to revise the draft of proposed rule and regulation changes as discussed, which will be presented to the Board at the September meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Allen Harris**

The Board reviewed Allen Harris' application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Aman, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Melissa Gregory**

The Board reviewed Melissa Gregory's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Lauren Rhodes**

The Board reviewed Lauren Rhodes' application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Laura Burritt**

The Board reviewed Laura Burritt's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Kristin Maloney**

The Board reviewed Kristin Maloney's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Murrell, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Jerolynn Bell-Scaggs**

The Board reviewed Jerolynn Bell-Scaggs application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Dr. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to **propose to deny** the application based on the certification not meeting the Board's requirements. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review Request for Extension of Inactive Status**

The Board reviewed the follow requests for an extension of inactive status. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to **approve** the requests. Motion unanimously carried.

Elizabeth Bean  
Sharon Merriman-Nai  
Gail Jackson  
Megan White  
Ann Burton  
Martin Okiri

Review Request for Approval of Continuing Education Activities from McKissock

Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to approve the following CE activities for McKissock as noted below:

The Practice of Cultural Humility in Treatment (3 Hours)

Review Request for Approval of Continuing Education Activities from Delaware Anger Management

Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to approve the following CE activities for Delaware Anger Management as noted below:

Anger Management-Train the Trainers (4 hours)

Review Request for Approval of Continuing Education Activities from The Mental Health Association in Delaware:

Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve the following CE activities for The Mental Health Association as noted below:

Suicide Prevention Conference: "Finding Balance in an Uneven World" (13.5 hours)

Review Request for Approval of Continuing Education Activities from Alan Hall

Ms. Hansen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve the following CE activities for Alan Hall as noted below:

The State of Our Unions: Couples Therapy Past, Present and Future  
(1.0 hour)

Introduction to Gottman Method Couples Therapy (2.0 hours)

Licensure Board Presentation (1.0 hour)

Ethics Panel (2.0 hours)

Bad and Good Couples Therapy: What They Didn't Teach You in Graduate  
School (7.0 hours)

Confessions in Couples Therapy (2.0 hours)

Review New Supervision form for Peter Iotov, LAMFT

Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski to **table** Peter Iotov's supervision form, pending verification that the listed supervisor is AMFT approved.

Review Request for Extension of Time to Obtain CE for Beverly Williams

Review request from Beverly Williams for an extension of time to obtain the required CE for licensure renewal. Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to grant an extension for Ms. Williams until December 31, 2010.

**Correspondence**

Review E-mail from AAMFT Board Regarding the Code of Ethics

Dr. Northey volunteered to respond to the e-mail.

**Other Business (for discussion only)**

The Board discussed a memo from the Division of Professional Regulation's Director, James Collins, regarding the next legislative session.

Ms. Slaughter commented that LCDP is the only profession that does not have a specific time period for obtaining practice experience. Other professions have language in the rules and regulations stating that a licensee must have 2 years of practice (Post Masters) acquired within a 4 year period. The Board requested that this issue be placed on the agenda for the September meeting. The certification process may have a timeline in which a licensee must follow.

Ms. Davis attended the NBCC conference and provided a brief overview. NBCC is going international.

Ms. Davis also expressed a concern regarding the board's line of questioning at hearings. Ms. Davis feels that the Board sometimes asks questions that are unrelated or would not make a difference in the Board's decision.

The Board discussed NAMP and how it was previously an acceptable certification. NAMP is no longer acceptable and the Board thinks this will cause an issue at licensure renewal. It was decided that a subcommittee consisting of Dr. Walsh, Ms. Davis and Mr. Gale will be formed and will meet September 22, 2010 at 11:00 am to discuss issues concerning licensees who are NAMP certified.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

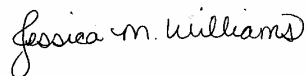
**Next Meeting Date**

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2010, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Williams  
Administrative Specialist II